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US-95 south of Lapwai remains partially closed due to flood damage

LAPWAI - One lane of U.S. Highway 95 remains closed south of Lapwai at milepost 296 due to flood damage.

"With floodwaters receding and drier days in the forecast, we feel we are past the emergency," Operations Engineer Jared Hopkins said. "Yesterday, we rushed to get an excavator on scene to start placing large boulders against the bank to save what remained of the northbound lane of US-95. In one spot, it had washed away to the center."

[Download a photo from yesterday afternoon.](#)

[Download a video of the flooded creek.](#)

[Download a video of traffic moving around the damaged section.](#)

Crews aim to finish placing rock and reopen both lanes of the highway by the end of the week.

"We are working hard to have two lanes open with an asphalt surface as soon as we can," Hopkins said. "Then we'll start focusing on more permanent repairs later this summer."

Water over the roadway has also been reported on State Highway 6 between Potlatch and Deary. Before traveling drivers should check conditions on their routes at 511.idaho.gov.

